

About This Area

Oak Ridge Conservation Area is in Stoddard County, immediately west of the city limits of Dudley. Highway 114 (Old Highway 60) forms the northern boundary of and provides access to this 243-acre area. The conservation area is located on the broad, flat Dudley Ridge, and there is little elevation change. Bottomland hardwood species dominates the forested acreage. The area is one of the few remaining tracts of timber for miles around the town of Dudley. Management of the area is based on the concept of multiple use. During your visit to the area you may view various forest improvement practices designed to improve tree growth, quality, species composition, wildlife habitat, and maintain watershed quality. Wildlife management includes manipulation of fields within the forest to provide added wildlife food sources. Open areas are maintained to supplement natural conditions. Timber harvests are also an important element in the production of forage and cover for wildlife.

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bird Watching — Fishing — Hiking — Hunting
Photography — Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10p.m. to 4a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering, digging, fireworks, target shooting, or open fires.
- Do not park in front of, or block gates.
- Dogs must be leashed or confined when not used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Camping is allowed on or adjacent to main parking lot, unless otherwise posted.

- Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period, with a total of 30 days within a calendar year. Groups of 10 or more need a special use permit.
- Hiking and bicycling is allowed on interior service roads and roads open to vehicles.
- Feeding and baiting of wildlife is prohibited.
- Guiding for pay is prohibited on department areas.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits.
- Portable tree stands may be placed and used between September 1 and January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted, but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only by special use permit.

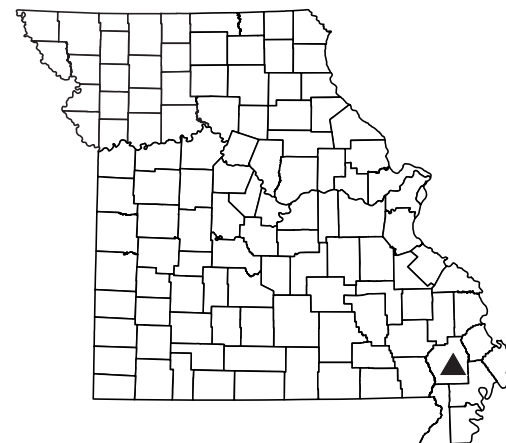
For local information, contact:
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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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